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Appellant(s): NTP, Inc.

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For Appellant

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(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The subject appeal concerns merged reexamination proceedings 90/006,533, 90/006,675, and 90/007,731 for U.S. Patent No. 5,436,960 (the "'960" patent).

Related appeals are pending from reexamination proceedings for the following U.S. Patents, which are all related to the subject '960 patent.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Reexamination Proceedings (merged)</u>	<u>Relationship To Subject U.S. Patent No. 5,436,960</u>
6,317,592	95/000,020 & 90/006,495	Great, Great-Grandchild of '960.
6,067,451	90/006,494, 90/006,681, & 90/007,726	Great-Grandchild of '960.
5,819,172	90/006,493, 90/006,680, & 90/007,735	Grandchild of '960.
5,625,670	90/006,491, 90/006,678, & 90/007,723	Child of '960.
5,631,946	90/006,492 & 90/006,679	Divisional of '960.
5,479,472	90/006,677	Same filing date, assignee, and inventive entity as '960.



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Application Number: 90/006,676

Filing Date: June 24, 2003

Appellant(s): NTP, Inc.

Brian M. Buroker
For Appellant

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(1) Real Party in Interest

A statement identifying by name the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The subject appeal concerns reexamination proceeding 90/006,676 for U.S. Patent No. 5,438,611 (the "'611" patent).

Related appeals are pending from reexamination proceedings for the following U.S. Patents, which are all related to the subject '676 patent.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Reexamination Proceedings (merged)</u>	<u>Relationship To Subject U.S. Patent No. 5,438,611</u>
6,317,592	95/000,020 & 90/006,495	Great, Great-Grandchild of '960.
6,067,451	90/006,494, 90/006,681, & 90/007,726	Great-Grandchild of '960.
5,819,172	90/006,493, 90/006,680, & 90/007,735	Grandchild of '960.
5,625,670	90/006,491, 90/006,678, & 90/007,723	Child of '960.
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(1) Real Party in Interest

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(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The subject appeal concerns merged reexamination proceedings (90/006,491, 90/006,678, and 90/007,723) for U.S. Patent No. 5,625,670 (the "'670" patent).

Related appeals are pending from reexamination proceedings for the following U.S. Patents, which are all related to the subject '670 patent.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Reexamination Proceedings (merged)</u>	<u>Relationship To Subject U.S. Patent No. 5,625,670</u>
6,317,592	95/000,020 & 90/006,495	Great-Grandchild
6,067,451	90/006,494, 90/006,681, & 90/007,726	Grandchild
5,819,172	90/006,493, 90/006,680, & 90/007,735	Child
5,631,946	90/006,492 & 90/006,679	Divisional of Parent and other related patents specified below
5,479,472	90/006,677	Same filing date, assignee, and inventive entity as Parent



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90/006,493 + 90/006,680 → 90/007,735	12/26/2002	5819172		9467

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(1) Real Party in Interest

A statement identifying by name the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The subject appeal concerns merged reexamination proceedings (90/006,493, 90/006,680, and 90/007,735) for U.S. Patent No. 5,819,172 (the "'172" patent).

Related appeals are pending from reexamination proceedings for the following U.S. Patents, which are all related to the subject '172 patent.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Reexamination Proceedings (merged)</u>	<u>Relationship To Subject U.S. Patent No. 5,819,172</u>
6,317,592 6,067,451 5,631,946	95/000,020 & 90/006,495 90/006,494, 90/006,681, & 90/007,726 90/006,492 & 90/006,679	Grandchild Child Divisional of Grandparent and other related patents specified below
5,625,670	90/006,491, 90/006,678, & 90/007,723	Parent
5,479,472	90/006,677	Same filing date, assignee, and inventive entity as Grandparent
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Primary Examiner
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Appellant(s): NTP, Inc.

Brian M. Buroker
For Appellant

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Related appeals are pending from reexamination proceedings for the following U.S. Patents, which are all related to the subject '451 patent.

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Reexamination Proceedings (merged)</u>	<u>Relationship To Subject U.S. Patent No. 6,067,451</u>
6,317,592	95/000,020 & 90/006,495	Child
5,819,172	90/006,493, 90/006,680, & 90/007,735	Parent
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(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

The subject appeal concerns reexamination proceeding 90/006,676 for U.S. Patent No. 5,479,472 (the "'472" patent).

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6,067,451	90/006,494, 90/006,681, & 90/007,726	Great-Grandchild of the related '960 patent.
5,819,172	90/006,493, 90/006,680 & 90/007,735	Grandchild of the related '960 patent.
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<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Reexamination Proceedings (merged)</u>	<u>Relationship To Subject U.S. Patent No. 5,631,946</u>
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In addition, U.S. Applications No. 10/090,841 and 09/640,076 are currently pending before the Office, which are related as continuation applications of the 6,317,592 patent discussed above.

(3) Status of Claims

The statement of the status of claims contained in the brief is correct.

(4) Status of Amendments After Final

The appellant's statement of the status of amendments after final rejection contained in the brief is correct.

(5) Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The summary of claimed subject matter contained in the brief is correct to the extent that it contains a concise explanation referring to the specification as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v). However, those sections of the specification referred to by the Appellant regarding important claim terms do not appear entirely consistent with prior declarations submitted by the Appellant that also cited to the specification for support of the same claim terms.

For example, claim 1 recites several claim terms, such as "originating processor," "RF receiver," "destination processor," and "interface" and in accordance with 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v) the Brief cites to different sections of the '946 specification. However, Exhibit "A" (Claim Constructions)